

..... WISCONSIN CHIROPRACTOR WORKFORCE DATA

This publication presents summary information from the 2003 Wisconsin Chiropractor Workforce Survey. Wisconsin had 1,743 licensed chiropractors in February 2003. Of these, 962 (55%) responded to the survey. The data presented here, based on survey results, reflect the estimated number of chiropractors practicing in Wisconsin with a given characteristic, with the exception of total Wisconsin-licensed chiropractors and total reporting Wisconsin-licensed chiropractors. The data in this publication are self-reported and, not verified with other data sources.

	<i><u>Number</u></i>	<i><u>Percent</u></i>
Total Wisconsin licensed chiropractors ¹	1,743	100%
Reporting Wisconsin-licensed chiropractors	962	55

GENERAL INFORMATION

	<i><u>Estimated Number</u></i>	<i><u>Estimated Percent</u></i>
Chiropractors practicing in Wisconsin	1,472	100%
Sex		
Male	1,110	75%
Female	338	23
Unknown	24	2
Race/Ethnicity		
White, Non-Hispanic	1,391	94%
Other, Non-Hispanic	49	3
Hispanic	13	1
Unknown	19	1
Year degree granted		
1998-2003	654	44%
1986-1997	589	40
1974-1985	182	12
1962-1973	30	2
1950-1961	12	1
Prior to 1950	5	<1
Location of degree-granting institution		
U.S.	1,465	99%
Outside U.S.	7	<1
Are diplomates, diplomate-eligible, or hold a certification (at least 100 hours of postgraduate studies)	407	28%

¹Information obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing

PATIENT-RELATED INFORMATION

	<i><u>Estimated Number</u></i>	<i><u>Estimated Percent</u></i>
Accept new patients	1,445	98%
Serve Medicare patients	1,389	94%
Accept new Medicare patients	1,320	(95) ²
Serve Medicaid patients	843	57%
Accept new Medicaid patients	788	(93) ²
Serve BadgerCare patients	763	52%
Accept new BadgerCare patients	719	(94) ²
Have privileges in a hospital	175	12%

PRIMARY PRACTICE INFORMATION

Employment status		
Single practice	832	57%
Associate in a group practice	294	20
Partner in a group practice	202	14
Independent contractor	69	5
Unknown/Other	75	5
Practice in an interdisciplinary environment	376	26%
Number of chiropractors who work in the same facility as:		
Massage therapists	250	(66) ³
Acupuncturists	40	(11)
Family practitioners	29	(8)
Physical therapists	22	(6)
Craniosacral therapists	12	(3)
Nutritionists	5	(1)
Occupational therapists	3	(1)
Neurologists	2	(1)
Orthopedists	2	(1)
Number of associate chiropractors:		
0	1,144	78%
1-3	301	20
4-6	19	1
7-10	8	1
Number of full-time staff, excluding associate chiropractors:		
0-3	1,301	88%
4-6	119	8
7-10	52	4
Number of part-time staff, excluding associate chiropractors:	1,366	93%
0-3	98	7
4-6	8	1
7-10		

²Percents based on total serving patients in this program

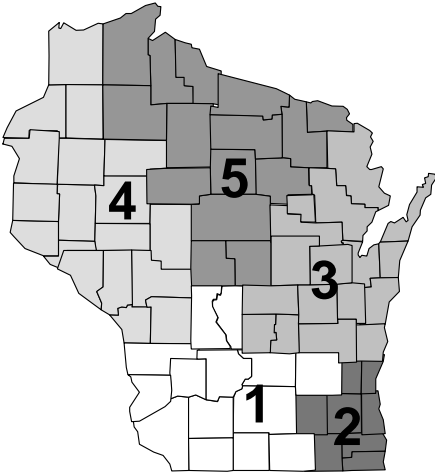
³Percents based on total practicing in an interdisciplinary environment

PLANS TO CHANGE PRACTICE

	<i><u>Estimated Number</u></i>	<i><u>Estimated Percent</u></i>
Plan to retire in next 12 months	13	1%
Plan to reduce work hours in next 12 months	106	7%
Primary reason:		
Family obligations	40	(38) ⁴
Disability/physical limitation/unable to work	12	(11)
Job stress (physical, other)	10	(9)
Income not sufficient	8	(8)
Administrative burden(s)	7	(7)
Career change	5	(5)
Other	24	(23)

CHIROPRACTORS BY REGION⁵

	<i><u>Estimated Number</u></i>	<i><u>Estimated Rate per 10,000 Population</u></i>
(1) Southern	321	3.1
(2) Southeastern	407	2.0
(3) Northeastern	346	2.9
(4) Western	260	3.5
(5) Northern	138	2.8



⁴Percents based on those who plan to reduce work hours in the next 12 months

⁵Based on primary practice location of chiropractors

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The data source for these tables is the 2003 Chiropractor Workforce Survey. The survey was conducted by the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, in cooperation with Wisconsin-licensed chiropractors. Completion of the survey was required for all Wisconsin-licensed chiropractors under Chapter 153, Wis. Stats.

The survey was conducted online, using a survey instrument developed from previous surveys and comments from the Wisconsin Division of Health Care Financing, the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, and the Wisconsin Chiropractic Association. The final response rate was 55 percent, with 962 of 1,743 licensed chiropractors completing the survey.

The data presented here, based on survey results, reflect the estimated number of Wisconsin-licensed chiropractors practicing in Wisconsin. A weight was constructed for each record in the data set to adjust for the response rates by place of residence, located either within the state or out of state. When these weights are applied to the data set, the results are considered to be representative of all chiropractors practicing in Wisconsin in 2003. In some tables, the percentage estimates do not sum to 100 percent due to rounding to whole numbers.

Additional Information

The Bureau of Health Information and Policy is a new bureau in the Division of Public Health. It comprises the former Bureau of Health Information (which was part of the Division of Health Care Financing) and selected policy staff from the Division of Public Health. This publication is available online at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/provider/chiropractors.htm>. More Wisconsin statistics on health and health care can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/stats>.

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